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SUBJ: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA

1. ZAMBIA PRESS 24 MAY CONTAINS REPORTS ON REQUEST FOR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE MADE BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON HIS VISIT
TO U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL LEAD STORY
HEADLINED "US OFFERS ZAMBIA MILITARY AID," STATES THAT
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT U.S. HAD OFFERED MILITARY AID TO ZAMBIA
BUT THAT HE DECLINED TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS. PARTY-
OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORTS THAT KAUNDA SAID AT A
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD ASKED THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE "BUT
THE RESULTS WERE NOT YET KNOWN."

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2. IN SECOND STORY ON PRESS CONFERENCE, MAIL REPORTS
THAT KAUNDA SAID PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN VERY FORTH-
RIGHT IN HIS APPROACH TO THE RHODESIAN ISSUE. THE PAPER
STATES THAT THIS WAS "THE FIRST TIME THAT PRESIDENT
KAUNDA HAS BEEN SATISFIED WITH TALKS WITH ANY LEADERS"
ON RHODESIA. THE STORY GOES ON TO COMMENT THAT "HIS
STATEMENT COULD BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT THE AMERICAN

GOVERNMENT WOULD USE ITS POWER TO BRING DOWN THE ILLEGAL
REGIME IN RHODESIA."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS LIKELY TO BE RAISED HERE AS RESULT
OF MAIL STORY ON POSSIBLE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
ZAMBIA.
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